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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL TERRORISTS CAPTURED

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1. GOI HAS ANNOUNCED ARREST OF FOUR ADDITIONAL TERRORISTS AND AN UNIDENTIFIED NUMBER OF ACCOMPLICES WHO SUPPLIED THEM WITH ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

2. MOHSEN BATHA'IE, MANIZHEH ASHRAFZADEH KERMANI (FEMALE), MOHAMMED TAHER RAHIMI AND MEHDI GHAYOURAN WERE ARRESTED WHILE RESISTING CAPTURE AND IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPANTS IN ASSASSINATIONS OF AMERICAN COLONELS SHAFFER AND TURNER AND EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE HOSSNAN (REFTEL). POLICE ALSO CAPTURED DOCUMENTS SHOWING GROUP WAS PLANNING OTHER ASSASSINATIONS. TEN REVOLVERS, 700 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, 25 HAND GRENADES, 5 HOMEMADE BOMBS AND SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EXPLOSIVES ALSO FOUND.

3. THESE ARRESTS FOLLOWED EARLIER CAPTURE OF TERRORISTS AFRAKHTEH, KANOUSHI AND LABAF (REFTEL). GOI NOW CLAIMS TO HAVE CAUGHT ALL INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATIONS OF SHAFFER AND TURNER, HOSSNAN, AND EARLIER SHOOTING OF IRANIAN GENERAL ZANDIPOUR. (FYI: DESPITE GOI CLAIMS, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THESE KILLINGS HAVE NOT YET
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BEEN ROUNDED UP.)

4. DURING INTERROGATION CAPTIVES ADMITTED LABAF HAD
EARLIER KILLED A GENDARMERIE OFFICER IN MOSQUE WHERE
GANG FREQUENTLY MET. PRESS CLAIMS RELIGIOUSLY-ORIENTED
TERRORIST MAJID VAQEFI WAS KILLED IN APRIL, 1975 BY HIS OWN
COMRADES AFTER BECOMING DISILLUSIONED BY GROUP'S
ACTIVITIES.
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